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Naked attacker caught by public

by Michael Cox

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A WESTCLIFF man has been jailed for 15 years after pleading guilty to the attempted rape of a child.

Gary Taylor, 51, of Electric Avenue, was sentenced at Wood Green Crown Court on Friday, November 2 and placed on the Sex Offenders' Register for life.

At the same London court in September he admitted charges of the attempted rape of a child and trespass with the intent to commit a sexual assault.

The court heard that on Monday,

August 27 Taylor was visiting a friend who lived in the same shared residential premises as the victim in Haringey.

Taylor was seen on CCTV standing naked at the door of his friend's address, while watching the child's father attempt to use the shared bathroom.

Once the bathroom was free and the father went to use it, Taylor moved off camera and towards the victim's flat.

He entered and tried to sexually assault the child, who was aged under 13.

The Met Police said Taylor also assaulted the victim's mother.

The child's father then returned

to the flat and attempted to rugby tackle Taylor.

Taylor jumped out of the window and ran naked down the street.

He was apprehended by members of the public and police were called.

Taylor was taken to hospital for an assessment of minor injuries he received while being apprehended.

He was found to have been experiencing the effects of a class A drug and alcohol while he committed the offence. Following his release from hospital he was charged the following day and remanded into custody.

Detective Inspector Jimi Tele, who led the investigation, said:

"This was a despicable crime committed against an innocent child; the child and their parents should never have had to experience this, and the fact Taylor was under the influence of drugs and alcohol is no excuse.

"I want to thank the family for their bravery in working with police to ensure Taylor was held accountable for his actions.

"I hope that his sentence provides them with some comfort and enables them to move on with their lives.

"I would also like to commend and thank those members of the public who apprehended Taylor until police arrived."



JAILED: Gary Taylor

Shamed solicitor plans appeal from inside

A SOLICITOR jailed for sexually abusing children is planning to overturn his conviction.

Glen Bartlett, 61, formerly of Downhall Park Way, Rayleigh, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for the historic abuse of two boys.

Bartlett specialised in criminal and motoring offences after becoming a solicitor in 1981.

A jury convicted him of 10 counts of buggery against one boy and two counts of indecently assaulting another.

In December last year, he was sentenced

to 20 years, plus an extended licence period of a year.

His planned appeal was revealed in a judgement by a Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal, which has barred him from practising.

The offences began in the late 1970s and continued into the 1980s.

The judgement said: "The respondent accepted that he was not in a position to dispute the allegations before this tribunal.

"However, he maintained that he was not guilty of the criminal offences of

which he had been convicted.

"The respondent stated that he was endeavouring to mount possible grounds of appeal against the conviction but that these were at an early stage and could take some considerable time. The respondent did not state what the grounds would be."

Bartlett also submitted a number of character references to the tribunal.

In addition to striking him off, the panel ordered Bartlett, who continued to maintain a property and had considerable assets of £983,665, to pay £3,132.35 towards the costs of the tribunal.



BARRED: Glen Bartlett

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Let's Make Life Easy

Give to charity not beggars

by Michael Cox

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A CAMPAIGN has been launched calling on people to stop giving money to beggars and instead give to homelessness charities in Southend.

It has been created by a partnership involving Southend Council, Essex Police, Southend Business Improvement District and charities such as HARP.

A council spokesman said the campaign had two main aims; one was encourage people to stop donating change to beggars and consider giving to charities instead.

The second calls on people to alert the council to rough sleepers through Streetlink, a website that notifies local services.

Cllr Tony Cox said giving change to beggars can "enable and even encourage life on the streets".

Deputy council leader James Courtenay added: "This campaign is not about telling people what not to do, but it does ask people to consider making a change to how they give."

"By supporting local homelessness charities people can contribute to supporting someone get off the streets for good."

The campaign, called Make a Change, will have a website and there will be posters, public information vans and leaflets displayed in the High

HELPING HAND: Cllr James Courtenay, community safety officer Peter Harmsworth, Chief Insp Neil Pudney, BID ranger Chris Cooke and Dawn Jeakings



Street and surrounding areas.

It comes after a High Street summit, held in September, which led to an action plan to combat issues such as rough sleeping, aggressive begging and antisocial behaviour.

Cllr Courtenay said: "We also hope the campaign discourages aggressive begging, a key action from the High

Street summit and a current issue in the local area.

"Aggressive begging is intimidating and unwanted and has a detrimental impact upon our local community and needs to be deterred."

HARP chief executive Jackie Bliss said it was great to see "common misconceptions" around rough

sleeping and begging being tackled.

"This extra support in promoting all of the amazing services that are available in the town, including HARP's, is most welcome."

"Ultimately, if more people engage with services, more people, be they homeless or not, will overcome their issues to live healthy, positive lives."

NEWS IN BRIEF

● A **TEENAGE** boy was taken to hospital with a serious head injury following a road collision in Leigh.

The 14-year-old was in collision with a black Jaguar E-Pace in Rayleigh Road at 7.55pm on Wednesday, October 31.

Police are appealing for information and anyone who saw or heard anything, or was in the area and has dashcam footage, should call 101 quoting incident 1268 of October 31.

● **SOUTHEND** is commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War on Remembrance Sunday.

The town will be taking part in Battle's Over, an international commemoration with towns and cities across the world simultaneously ringing church bells and lighting beacons at set times on November 11.

A centenary concert will be held in the afternoon at the Cliffs Pavilion, Westcliff, as well as remembrance services and parades across the borough.

For more visit www.southend.gov.uk/southendremembers.

● **NETWORK** Rail has announced a rail replacement bus service will run on part of the Liverpool Street to Southend Victoria line over the Christmas period.

It will run between Southend Victoria and Newbury Park Tube station on December 29, 30, 31 and January 1.

A bus service will also be put on between Billericay and Newbury Park on December 23, 24, 27 and 28.

Engineering work on the line is being carried out as part of a £46million project to replace overhead wires.

Poppy display at The Royals

MORE than 1,000 knitted and crocheted poppies have formed a display at a Southend shopping centre to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

The 1,200 poppies have been sent from across Essex and make up a wave cascading down the main atrium at The Royals Shopping Centre.

The poppies were made by knitters and crochet clubs after an appeal.

The display, organised and created

by Vanda Roberts, chairwoman of Southend Festival Chorus, and her husband, Colin, will be in place until November 10 before being moved to The Cliffs Pavilion ahead of an Armistice Day concert.

Dawn Jeakings, centre manager, said: "As a garrison town, Southend played its part in the war effort, so it is wonderful that the Royals can present this fantastic display and commemorate the Armistice."

HONOUR: The crocheted poppies



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Two jailed for manslaughter

TWO men have been jailed for the death of a man after an alleged robbery. Tim Smith and his wife had spent the evening in a Hullbridge pub with a family they knew.

The four adults and 14-year-old girl drove back to the other family's home in The Drive to find Andrew McVicar and Colin Garrod waiting for them.

The pair, armed with what appeared to be a gun, demanded they get inside the bungalow. As the victims went inside, one of the men pushed Mr Smith in the back. He fell and hit his head on a low brick wall. They spoke to the homeowner and left with a hold-all which was said to contain £50,000.

Before they left, they hauled Mr Smith into the hallway. He had suffered a catastrophic brain injury and never regained consciousness.

He died in hospital a day later, on March 20, 2017.

Garrod, McVicar and one of their associates, Jamie Caborn, were later arrested. McVicar, 35, formerly of

Dewsgreen, Basildon, and Garrod, 51, formerly of Crowborough Road, Southend, were charged with the manslaughter of Mr Smith, affray and possession of an imitation firearm.

They denied the charges but at a trial at Basildon Crown Court were found guilty on October 24. Both admitted possessing criminal property in December and January this year.

Caborn, 29, was charged with possession of criminal property, which he admitted at Basildon Crown Court on January 22.

On Friday, November 2, Garrod and McVicar were given a life sentence with 12 years in prison and a minimum of six years to be served before being eligible for parole.

Caborn was sentenced to an 18-month suspended prison sentence and 150 hours of unpaid work.

Police recovered £34,000 from all three and an application for a confiscation order will be made under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

**GUILTY: Andrew McVicar****SENTENCE: Colin Garrod**

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Wed:	0353	5.10	1631	5.00

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Get ghoulish with your Christmas ghost stories

ONCE again it's time to enter the *Yellow Advertiser's* annual Christmas ghost story competition.

If you are an aspiring writer living in Essex or east London – and you have a scary story to tell – then get typing.

Book tokens are up for grabs in the adult and children's categories. The top

three stories will be published in our first edition of January 2019.

As ghouls have moved into the 21st century, along with the rest of us, judges can only accept stories via email.

The competition is open to schools, so we would like to encourage English departments to take up the challenge

to grab the coveted first place for their own literary protégés. The junior section is open to youngsters aged 16 and under.

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Brothers hit right note with charity song Hometown

TWO brothers from Leigh have raised money for a charity through proceeds from a song.

Ben Jordan, 16, and Toby Jordan, 14, recorded the song Hometown with Southend YMCA all about the town.

The duo, called baVard, have raised £150 for from digital downloads and delivered copies of the CD to record shop Fives, in Leigh, where they are on sale.

They have done fundraisers for charity, including busking in aid of Southend YMCA as well as the Neptune children's ward at Southend Hospital.

They are due to perform at a YMCA Christmas Carol concert and a Christmas party on Neptune ward. To buy a copy of Hometown, visit Fives Records, on Broadway, or visit <https://www.bavardmusic.com>.



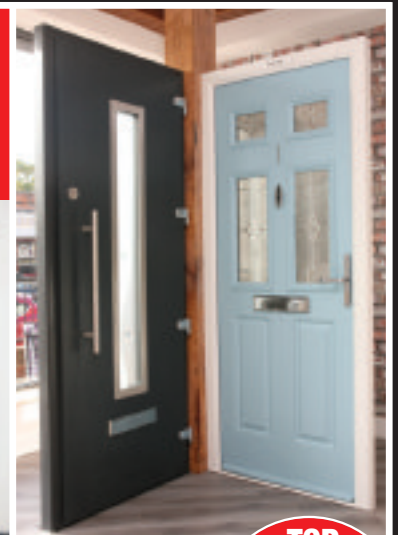
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Students in Halloween showcase



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Level 3 students entertained crowds at the Southend Pier Ghost Train event, while Level 2 students performed at Barleylands' Spooky Nights in Billericay.

Course leader Jay Clinton said the events had been a great way for the students to showcase their talents.

At Barleylands, students dressed in ghoulish costumes to scare visitors as they roamed the farm after dark and entered the "barn of horrors".

In Southend, they told short stories and wrote and performed a short play, in addition to performing dance routines.

Level 3 tutor Alex Sciusco said: "This project is a live brief and gives our students the opportunity to work as a professional company to produce and perform to a live audience."

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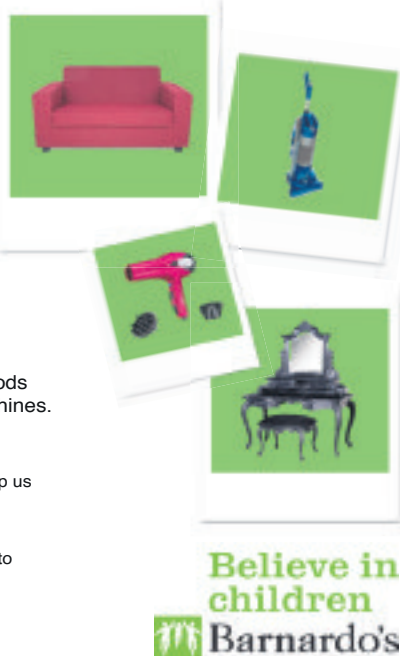
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ON THE CASE – BY EDWARD CASE

Sticks and stones and broken bones

WHAT is a hate crime? The first thing that comes to my mind is Stephen Lawrence, who was murdered in a racially motivated attack while waiting for a bus in 1993.

But times are changing and suddenly there are calls for misogyny (although strangely no mention of misandry, which should tell you who is actually behind this) to be labelled as a hate crime with things said and even wolf whistling coming under the misogyny blanket.

The definition of a hate crime is a crime motivated by racial, sexual, or other prejudice, typically involving violence. That's relatively easy to understand and straightforward enough for the police to be able to act upon, even if proving motivation may not always be simple.

Yet the new snowflake generation, which appears to see all men as potentially "the enemy" now expects an already overstretched police force to investigate blokey banter and verbal hostility.

National Police Chiefs' Council chairwoman Sara Thornton and Metropolitan Police Commissioner Cressida Dick have both quite rightly said that forces must prioritise violent crimes such as drug gangs fighting turf wars on the streets of our towns and cit-

ies across the country, rather than investigating some guy who said something you took exception to.

I would much rather have guns and knives off the streets than an obnoxious potty mouth with delusions of adequacy.

It's a ridiculous situation which has only really come about since the Harvey Weinstein case and the dawn of the #MeToo movement, which instead of concentrating on supporting women who have genuinely been subjected to sexual assaults or rape, seems to have taken it upon itself to declare a full scale gender war in which any innocuous comment by a man or even actions from decades past that only now are considered socially unacceptable can result in reputations being destroyed.

We're not all Weinsteins and Spaceys, you know, and this political correctness gone mad is a far far stretch from a bunch of thugs stabbing a lad to death at a bus stop in Eltham.

That's a real hate crime, not hurting someone's feelings.

Religious groups have also been quick to jump on the bandwagon, accusing free thinkers of racism purely on the basis of them not wanting Sharia law to be applied in the UK or for thinking that

gunships blasting women and children in the West Bank is not a proportional response in any reasonable thinking person's book.

If we don't stand up to these pc extremists, our right to free speech could be quickly eroded away. Even comedy would be sanitised by the professionally outraged.

But freedom of expression does come at a price – it means acknowledging a person's right to say something even if their words go against every value you have.

There are already laws in place to deal with incitement to racial hatred or violence.

If these are applied properly we don't need to add over sensitivity and being a wimp to the list.

■ Just to be clear, I don't claim to have answers for the things that I bring up in this column. The intention is to spotlight issues that we may all be wrestling with and, hopefully, encourage others to engage and form opinions of their own towards possibly finding some solutions.

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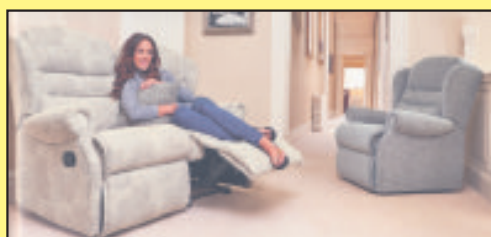
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THE single simple EU referendum question has – over the two-and-a-half years since it was asked – led to many more complex questions over disentangling nearly half-a-century of politically entwined trade and co-operation that are patently not so easy to answer.

This is clear to everyone now.

In light of this, if we are not given the opportunity to reconsider whether it's all really worth the bother, it'll be a dereliction of governmental duty deliberately cutting the plebs out of the plebiscite in the end.

And the calls for a people's vote on the final deal, with an option to remain obviously, daily grow louder as a consequence.

If you don't want to be re-consulted you have your reasons but a meaningful democratic approach to the increasingly convoluted and damaging long-drawn-out process of leaving clearly isn't one of them, no question.

Belt and braces democracy in my opinion over a decision that will affect generations of Britons to come and a very necessary answer in the circumstances of looming parliamentary deadlock.

We must have another say.

John Haran
Leigh-on-Sea

Another frustrated scribe?

IS long lost Edward Case for real, or is this a cover name for someone else at the *YA*?

It strikes me "Mr Case" writing under the cloak of virtual anonymity is just another frustrated scribe who has achieved little in his life.

He offers no solutions – only criticism. If "Mr Case" is so concerned with the state of political parties why doesn't he join one of them or form his own?

He could get elected. Then he might actually have to do something, such as make a decision that affects the lives of real people where an understanding of the world away from the keyboard helps.

Of course the new column attributed to "Mr Case" could just be a plant to generate correspondence to the letters page which should this communication be published will have succeeded.

Andrew Summers
Benfleet

A third attempt at voting in Local Plan

CPBC LOCAL PLAN 18 – SPECIAL MEETING

AT 7.30pm at the council offices, Kiln Road on Wednesday, Nov 28 the councillors whom you elected will be voting on this

plan – it is the third attempt.

This plan contains areas to build on the borough's precious green belt and more housing for already congested Canvey Island.

It also identifies an area sited as "land west of Benfleet". This includes Virgin green belt farmland known as Jotmans Farm – the council planners and some senior Tory councillors conveniently changed the name to "land west of Benfleet". This area now goes right up to Tarpots and beyond.

The borough is already bulging with traffic and without adequate infrastructure will lose its rural tag and become urban with all its subsequent pitfalls.

Jotmans Farm, as many of you know, has had developers Persimmon's appeals turned down previously by the SOS and High Court judges. The councillors had originally turned down the plan.

What can you do at this late stage? Attend the council offices on Nov 28 to show your opposition, write to your councillor and email or phone registering your opposition. Please check your councillor is eligible and allowed to vote beforehand.

This really is the final call for support to help overturn this farce of a plan and, oh yes, do you remember the council planners attempt at a consultation? A charade!

Please tell your family and friends by social media to attend the council offices on Nov 28. Please get there early as seats will be on a first come first served basis.

It is your children and grand-

children's future at stake. Let the Government planners take over the proceeding so no brick will then be left unturned.

Mr T J Smith
South Benfleet

Surface tension over road in Benfleet

THERE is an ongoing serious problem relating to the "resurfacing" of Uplands Road, Benfleet.

About three months ago, work began on much overdue repairs to the potholed Uplands Road. It began with the removal of the existing "tarmac" surface followed by extensive removal and replacement of many defective sections of the concrete below the surface.

This went on for an inordinate period of time causing serious inconvenience to residents in the locality, but particularly to those living in Uplands Road, Uplands Close, High Beeches and Shorefields.

This inconvenience was exacerbated when residents were subjected to the road closure for two days while resurfacing took place.

Residents, a few weeks later, were then informed that remedial work was to be done to the new

surface and were all extremely surprised when the entire newly laid surface was removed and were told that it would be re-laid within two days.

We have now been informed that the removal of the "tarmac" surface has unearthed further problems and that the work will not be finished until November 9, which again will include a further road closure.

Apart from the inconvenience caused to residents, there must now be a huge "hole" in the funding for Essex's "potholes".

I would like to ask Essex County Council, how much was budgeted for the original repairs and what is the likely cost now?

There must be questions asked about the technical supervision and quality control during the first attempt and indeed how much supervision is now going into the latest repairs?

I think that is a matter to be brought to the county council's scrutiny/audit committee.

Brian Wilson
Benfleet

Unfounded accusations a waste of time

DON'T get me wrong – I could never condone an attack on a woman, or sexual abuse on

anyone. But over the last year or so, we have been exposed to all sorts of "events" – from 10, 20 and even more than 30 years ago – particularly by various would-be actresses and models of dubious provenance, who have been coming forward with claims of decades-old injuries.

Now, it's quite common for women to "ply their charms" to get ahead professionally (or to gain some other value), so it appears to be merely "buyer's remorse" or perhaps another attempt to get exposure (in every sense of the word) and gain some attention, especially when they find out, that even sleeping with the Weinsteins of this world has not brought them dream-of stardom, career or fortune.

To stop these ridiculous – and after so many years, unverifiable – accusations, it should be required that any attack or abuse is reported within 30 days (not counting any time spent in a hospital and perhaps a bit longer for under-aged victims), otherwise the police should send the accuser packing.

How, or what, are they supposed to investigate if all the evidence and any witnesses are most likely gone?

It either was a horrific attack/abuse or it wasn't. It doesn't take half a lifetime to know which.

Fred Nicholson
Westcliff

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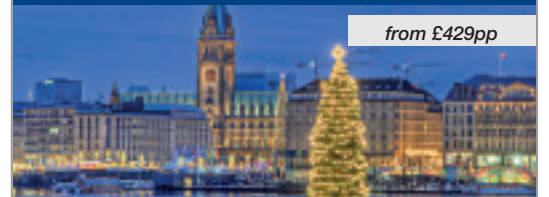
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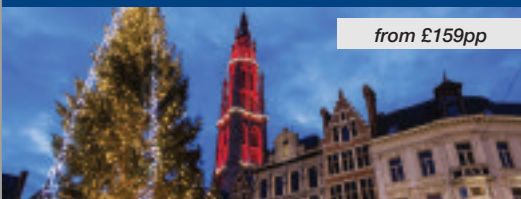
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Bell Junction plan on agenda

MULTI-MILLION pound plans to upgrade The Bell junction in Southend are to come a step closer with councillors set to move work forward on two possible layouts.

Cabinet members were due to discuss the project at a meeting on Tuesday, November 6.

They were to review a report by senior highways officers recommending that further work is carried out on two possible new layouts for the junction of the A127 with Rochford Road and Hobblythick Lane.

Both require the removal of the existing footbridge and were among the options put to a public consultation.

Options two and three include accommodating an extended right-turn lane from the A127 onto Hobblythick Lane and a left-turn slip road from the A127 onto Rochford Road.

A council report says option three would cost an extra £2.14million with a new footbridge but the council has begun a process of seeking this extra funding from Local Growth Fund 3B.

The first option, not recommended for progression by council officers, proposed to retain the footbridge and stop traffic turning right from



CHALLENGE: The Bell Junction in Southend

the A127 onto Rochford Road.

The council's deputy chief executive for place, Andy Lewis, said the preferred design in the consultation paper was option two though work on both options is set to be progressed following the cabinet meeting.

He said: "The substantial difference between options two and three is the widening of Hobblythick Lane and putting in a more formal crossing at the top end by the Shell junction."

"The challenge around that is there are a lot of fibreoptic cables that run through there and it's the availability of the land."

"The real issue is whether we

can achieve the benefit without the huge disruption moving the cables would entail and the knock-on impact it would take on the end time frame."

Annual mean levels of nitrogen dioxide on Prince Avenue, at the junction, breached legal limits over the last four years.

Council leader John Lamb added: "It's making sure we can free flow the traffic, get it moving and help with our air quality as well."

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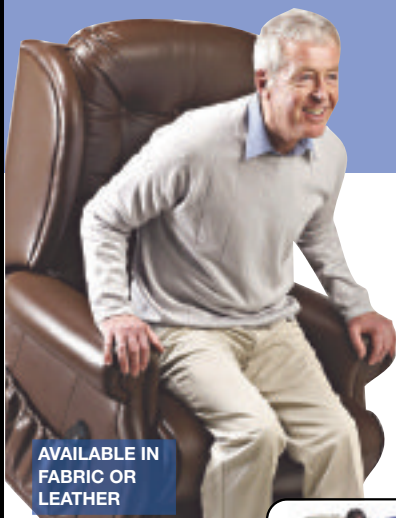
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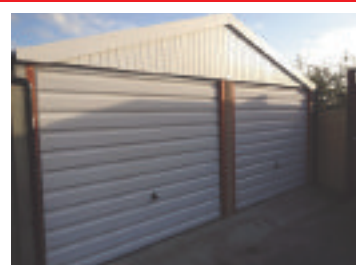
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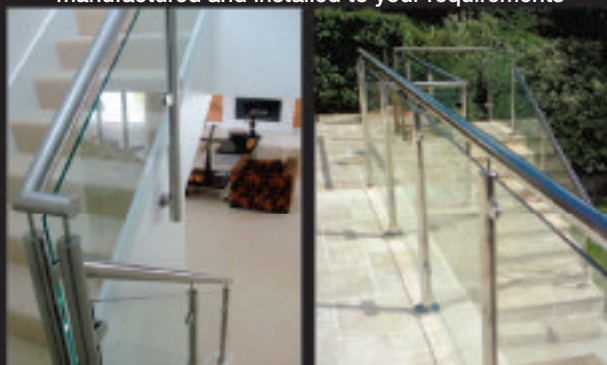
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AUDEN AND BRITTEN:
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BENJAMIN Britten said of W. H. Auden, 'people only went to bed with Auden to stop him talking,' says Matthew Kelly, who stars in the first ever revival of Alan Bennett's *The Habit of Art*.

The show comes to Southend's Palace Theatre from November 19-24.

The *Habit of Art* explores friendship, rivalry and heartache, the joy, pain and emotional cost of creativity. It deals with a fictional meeting between the poet W. H. Auden and composer Benjamin Britten.

Bennett wrote it as a play-within-a-play – actors Fitz, Henry, Tim and Donald are rehearsing for a production called *Caliban's Day*.

Matthew – of *Stars in their Eyes* fame – plays Fitz, who is Auden in *Caliban's Day*. He is joined by David Yelland as Henry playing Britten.

In *Caliban's Day*, a fictitious meeting occurs in 1973 in Auden's rooms at Oxford, not long

before his death. Britten has been auditioning boys nearby for his opera *Death in Venice*, and arrives unexpectedly – their first meeting in 25 years after falling out over the failure of their opera *Paul Bunyan*.

The *Yellow Advertiser* spoke to Matthew as he prepared to embark on the home stretch of the show's tour.

Matthew, who took the role without hesitation, was running short of superlatives to praise Bennett.

"Bennett is just so intellectually honest," he professed. "A man who in my mind can do no wrong."

"The *Habit of Art* gives voice to the people who are supporting great men but never feature in their biographies. In this play they will finally get a voice."

Matthew, whose West End credits include *Waiting For Godot* with Sir Ian McKellan, says playing Fitz and in turn Auden is one of the most interesting roles he has taken on.

"Auden was fascinated by people," he explained. "He was a fantastically accessible poet, but he was highly critical of his own work."

Auden would often revisit and change old pieces of work when he felt he could no longer endorse particular sentiments, Matthew added.

Matthew has relished the opportunity to explore such a unique and complex individual, and even more so his relationship with Britten. In some ways the two men are as different as two people can be and it's their unlikely relationship which drive the play.

"Britten is very closeted and uptight," he said. "The cruelty of the two of them together is just phenomenal, in the way only best friends can do."

Matthew is keen for people to get away from their TVs and see the show.

"It's a very good company and I adore them," he gushed. "I think if the spirit of the show is great then the audience will feel it. That's what I love about theatre. There is a special feeling when people sit in the dark together all laughing and being moved together."

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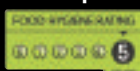
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DESPERATE times demand resourceful women in *Widows*, a glossy heist thriller based on the 1980s TV series created by Lynda LaPlante.

Gillian Flynn, author of *Gone Girl*, and director Steve McQueen co-write a script, which transplants the intrigue and betrayal from London to the gleaming apartments and deprived neighbourhoods of Chicago.

They have sharp ears for snappy dialogue – “I’m in the driving seat, I just don’t have a set of wheels”; “He should have loved you more and the bookies less” – and position powerful female protagonists at the centre of a muscular film that might otherwise be heavy on testosterone.

Two breathlessly staged robberies, which

quicken the pulse, bookend the picture but it’s a slowburn in between as the plot manoeuvres characters into position for a blood-spattered endgame like pawns on a chessboard.

McQueen cannot resist attention-grabbing flourishes.

A politician’s journey home by car from a campaign appearance could be accomplished without fanfare. Instead, the Oscar-winning director of *12 Years A Slave* captures the drive in a single fluid take, seemingly positioning his lens on the bonnet of the car as it travels through city streets while we listen to audio of a heated conversation in the back seat.

It’s an impressive piece of camerawork but rather indulgent, and such excesses contradict the central female character’s assertion that a group of women can pull off a robbery because they go unnoticed about their lives.

Career criminal Harry Rawlins (Liam Neeson) spearheads the theft of \$2million with a three strong crew comprising Florek Gunner (Jon Bernthal), Carlos Perelli (Manuel Garcia-Rulfo) and Jimmy Nunn (Coburn Goss). The job goes sour in a hail of SWAT team bullets and the robbers perish in an acetylene-fuelled fireball. The money is incinerated with them.

Shortly after Harry’s wife Veronica (Viola Davis) buries her husband, she receives an unwelcome visit from crime boss Jamal Manning (Brian Tyree Henry).

He is standing for election in the city’s eighth district against Jack Mulligan (Colin Farrell), son of crooked politician Tom Mulligan (Robert Duvall).

Jamal claims Harry stole the two million dollars from him and he wants Veronica to

replace the missing funds or suffer grievous consequences at the hands of his sadistic brother (Daniel Kaluuya).

Armed with a notebook containing plans for Harry’s next robbery, Veronica assembles a new crew including Carlos’s wife Linda (Michelle Rodriguez) and Florek’s wife Alice (Elizabeth Debicki).

Widows is a stylish portrait of crime and punishment, distinguished by spirited performances from Davis, Rodriguez and Debicki. Tony Award-winning theatre star Cynthia Erivo is excellent in support as the babysitter recruited as a getaway driver.

Strip away McQueen’s brio and what remains is a high quality, conventional thriller with a couple of satisfying narrative twists.

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- Fitness Walking – from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3, call 01268 727915.
- Hadleigh Castle Townswomen's Guild – Appliance Hall, Old Fire Station, High Street SS7 2PA, 1.30-3.30pm. Visitors £2.50.
- IT help sessions – Billericay Library, 10.30am to noon. Details 01277 624624.

Tuesday, November 13

- Couples. Table tennis, snooker, 8-10pm, St Andrew's Church Hall, Ashington. Drop in or call 01702 548597.
- Painting class – The Studio, Glebelands Nursery, Hawkwell, Hockley, SS5 4JY. 10.30am-12.30pm. Details 01702 30717.
- Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm. 01702 715111.
- Social Dance – 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.
- Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15pm, £2.50.
- Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh. 2.30-4pm. 01702 471873.
- Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.
- Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.
- Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, 01268 498642.
- Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, supporting people with lung problems. 01702 258661.
- Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, Basildon, SS14 2TJ, 9.30am-2pm.
- Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.
- Scrabble Club – Hockley Social Centre (rear of library), 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, 01702 205910.

Wednesday, November 14

- Leigh Travel Club - Iveagh Hall, 67 Leigh Rd, Leigh-on-Sea. 7.45pm. Talk by Julia Hammond. £3. Details: 07973 347842.

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Irresistible call of the Wild West

Title: Red Dead Redemption 2
Platform: Xbox One, PS4
Genre: Action
Price: £49.99

WITH its unflagging commitment to exquisite detail, Red Dead Redemption 2 is an experience so immersive that you might never need anything else.

Yet the genius isn't in its Westworld-esque capacity for wish-fulfillment, nor the stellar storylines and acting performances, customisable options, jaw-dropping visuals, incredible interactivity or dramatic flourishes.

It's how, as Arthur Morgan, you're part of a family. The Van de Linde gang's roving campsites form your home – and your responsibility, an inspired relationship that both grounds you in this make-believe Wild West and motivates your actions, whether fishing, hunting, planning a robbery or rescuing a fellow outlaw.

Some may lose patience with the slow-burning pace, but a marvel like Red Dead Redemption 2 deserves to be savoured.

Skip to the end: A sprawling, superb and truly genre-defining tour de force.

Score: 10/10

Title: Call Of Cthulhu
Platform: PC, Xbox One, PS4
Genre: Adventure
Price: £39.99



PERFECT SCORE: Red Dead Redemption 2

Call Of Cthulhu has just the right arc of insanity, avoiding the temptation to ferry your whisky-swilling private detective straight into combat with cultists from the be-tentacled Lovecraft universe.

Instead, this confidently eerie investigation ebbs and flows between regular locations containing clues to the mystery of a young painter obsessed by terrible visions and her ill-fated family, and the more disturbing delights of subterranean sacrificial altars or dingy asylums.

There's some inspired puzzles to grapple with, a stealth mechanic that doesn't try to do too much, and a pervasive atmosphere benefiting from quality writing and voice acting, all wrapped in an impressively realised world.

Reviewed on Asus ROG G703GI (i7, 16GB, GTX 1080 asus.com/uk/ROG-Republic-Of-Gamers).

Skip to the end: Potently atmospheric and well-crafted supernatural drama.

Score: 8/10

GAME CHART

- 1) Red Dead Redemption 2
- 2) Call of Duty: Black Ops 4
- 3) FIFA 19
- 4) Forza Horizon 4
- 5) Assassin's Creed Odyssey
- 6) Marvel's Spider-Man
- 7) LEGO DC Super-Villains
- 8) Super Mario Party
- 9) Shadow of the Tomb Raider
- 10) Crash Bandicoot N.Sane Trilogy

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Home of the week Hullbridge

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Combining a wealth of charm this property features much character and offers a pitched ceiling to the main living area measuring up to 17' in addition to a separate dining room. There are four bedrooms with a modern ground floor bathroom, plus detached garage to rear.

The property offers an ideal family home but with its spacious layout could offer the potential to provide annexe accommodation to embrace multi-generation living. Externally there is a summer house/lodge and a garden that would be ideal for entertaining.

Hullbridge is a highly sought-after village location with this property being set close to the river Crouch and the Brandy Hole restaurant.

Location on the outskirts of Hullbridge the property itself offering stunning gardens and its highly regarded junior school nearby. The village is a 2.2-mile drive to Hockley railway station.

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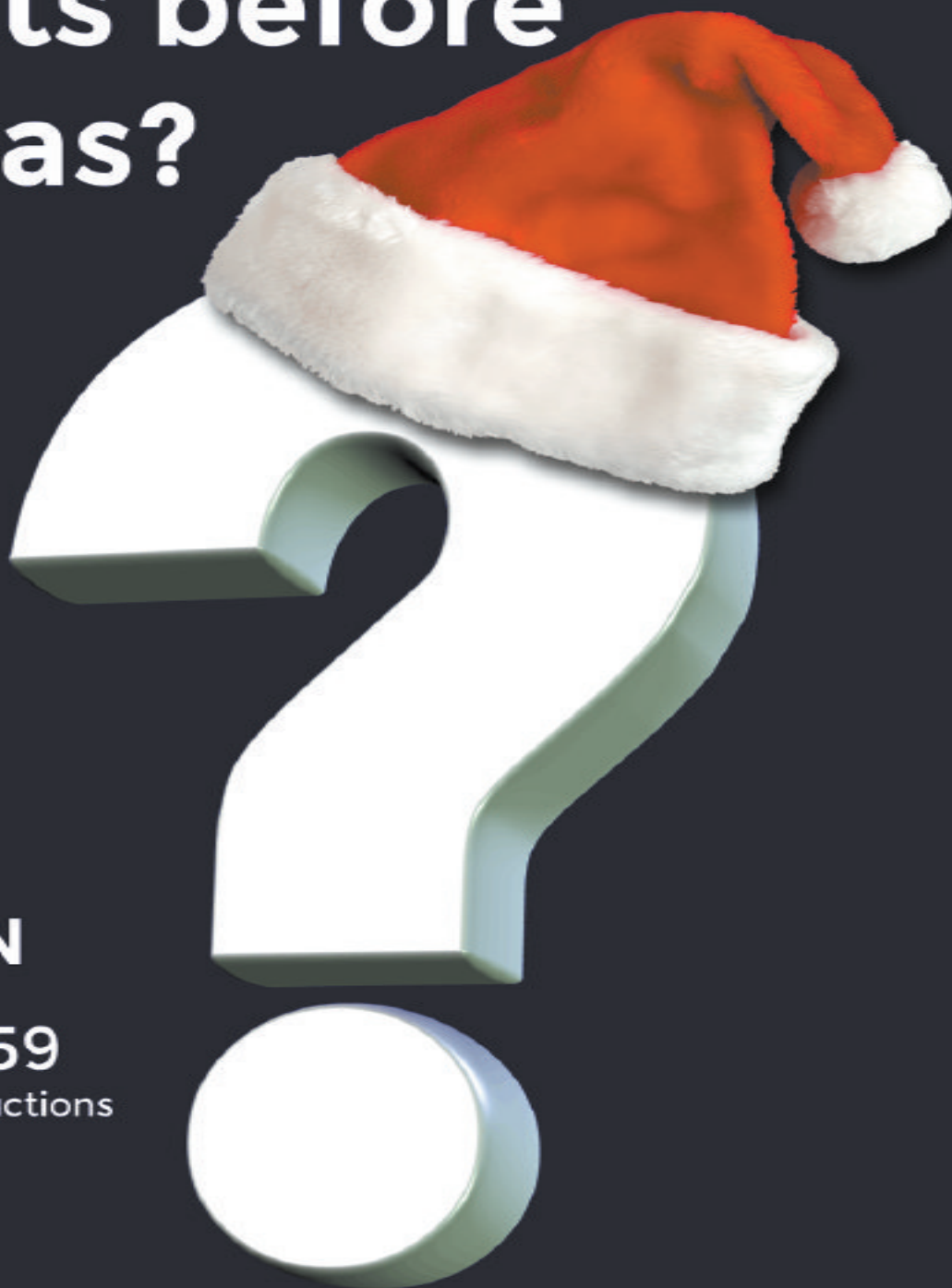
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LEIGH ROAD RETIREMENT FLAT £139,995

Ground Floor Apartment within the lovely Portchester Court, a super location in Leigh Road close to Leigh Broadway. Lounge with patio doors leading out to own private balcony, modern fitted kitchen, bathroom with shower, double bedroom, Residents car park and visitor car park, communal lounge, attractive gardens Ref etl5705



LEIGH-ON-SEA £235,000

A spacious one/two bedroom ground floor flat requiring some modernisation situated in this sought after South A13 location within walking distance of Leigh Broadway and Leigh Station. The current owner is extending the lease to 150 years. There is a lovely rear garden, front garden and side garden. and spacious versatile accommodation. Ref etl5641



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SEMI RURAL BILLERICAY £375,000

A delightful detached bungalow close to Billericay and Wickford town centres and stations, NO ONWARD CHAIN-KEYS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING, Two bedrooms, 21'9 X 21'3 SUPERB OPEN PLAN LIVING SPACE WITH LOUNGE, DINING AREA & LUXURY KITCHEN CONSERVATORY 70' approx rear garden, large parking area. ETL5733



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SIX BEDROOM DETACHED CHALET, ROCHFORD £475,000

NO ONWARD CHAIN - An ultra stylish detached six bedroom chalet bungalow a very convenient location, walking distance of the town centre and Rochford station. An extremely versatile property. ideal for dual family living as there are three bedrooms on the first floor and three on the ground floor. Could also suit someone wishing to work from home as currently two of the ground floor bedrooms are set up as a treatment room and waiting room. Stunning 38' x 16'4 open plan living area, 6 bedrooms, 2 en suite's, luxury family bathroom, 53' road frontage with parking for 7 cars plus double garage. Ref etl5730



TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM FLAT, LEIGH £239,995

Ground floor flat situated backing on to the Marine Estate within walking distance of Leigh Station, local shops and schools. The immaculate accommodation includes two double bedrooms, a large lounge with direct access to the lovely communal gardens, modern fitted kitchen and luxury bathroom. Ref etl5713



BILLERICAY £799,995

A most impressive detached family residence situated in a semi-rural location close to local schools, farmland, Billericay & Wickford stations. Large plot measuring approx. 50' x 170' (15.24mx 51.82m) which widens to approx. 85' (25.91m) at the rear. Internally the property offers large beautifully presented accommodation. 5 bedrooms, en suite, 2 large lounges, one with Inglenook fireplace, 23' superb kitchen, elegant dining room, lovely gardens and PARKING FOR 20 CARS - remote control security gates. NO ONWARD CHAIN - KEYS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING. Ref etl5728



DAWS HEATH HJADLEIGH £349,000

Available with no onward chain this bright and spacious detached bungalow is situated in a delightful cul-de-sac location by the entrance to Westwood. Keys are available for accompanied viewings. Two bedrooms, stylish fitted kitchen, WET ROOM/ SHOWER ROOM, spacious lounge, garage, attractive rear garden. Ref etl5659



HIGHLANDS, LEIGH, £499,995

Semi-detached character house close to Belfairs Woods and Golf Course. Westleigh Schools catchment and walking distance of Leigh Station. 75' west facing garden, garage and parking for two cars, three bedrooms, 14' x 14' luxury fitted kitchen, spacious lounge, separate 23' x 12'3 family/ dining room, luxury bathroom. Ref etl 5690



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Bramble Road, DAWS HEATH \ £975,000



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A beautiful detached residence situated in one of the most coveted roads in the region. Being in the semi - rural 'Bramble Road', on the much sought after Daws Heath this distinctive, eye catching property is a short stroll from Belfairs Wood and opposite Pound Wood together with being ideally located for Hadleigh Castle and town centre amenities. Indeed, we feel the opportunity to purchase this home is a rare one given its outstanding nature and politely suggest applicants make an early appointment to view. **Call 01702 555888 or live chat at amosestates.com**

Lansdown Avenue, DAWS HEATH \ Guide £600,000 - £625,000

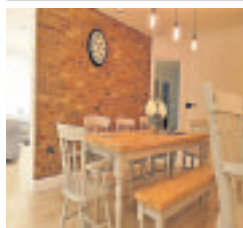


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BENFLEET \ Guide £210,000 - £230,000

Development Opportunity \ Spacious Ground Floor Flat \ Lounge 13'2 Max x 12'8 \ Reception Room \ Kitchen 11'9 Max x 9'6 \ Utility Area 8'5 x 6'10 \ Inner Lobby \ Shower Room \ Private Good Size Secluded Rear Garden \ Off Street Parking \ Popular & Convenient Location \ Close To Shops & Amenities \ Close To A13/A127 Trunk Roads \ Appleton School Catchment \ Ownership Of The Entire Freehold \ No Onward Chain \ EPC- D \ **Call 01702 555888 or live chat at amosestates.com**

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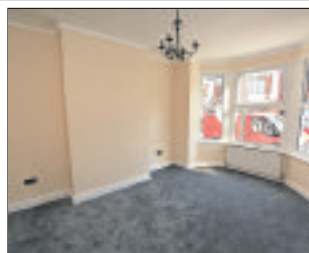
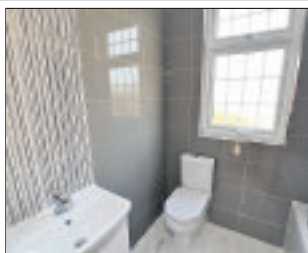
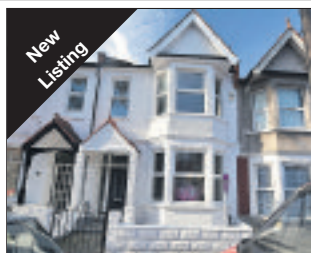


OUR FEATURED PROPERTY FOR THIS WEEK...



Southend £240,000

Belle Vue are please to offer this spacious two double bedroom family home situated in a popular position close to local shops, schools and facilities, and with a 70'0 rear garden. the property has many appealing features, including two reception rooms, a utility/breakfast room off the kitchen, a log burner in the lounge, gas central heating, double glazing etc etc. Sensibly priced, this is a house that will not be available for long. EPC=D Ref: ebe3863



Westcliff £315,000

FULLY REFURBISHED 3 bedroom family house with ground floor shower room and first floor bathroom, newly fitted kitchen/diner, utility room, new decor and floor coverings, double glazing, gas central heating. Close to local shops and facilities. No onward chain. EPC=E. Ref: ebe3861



Southend £155,000

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Southend £195,000

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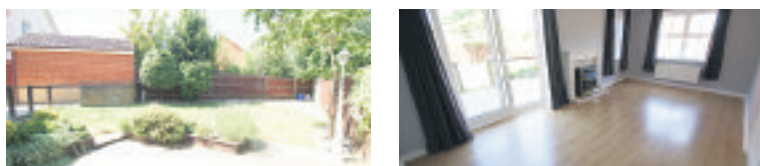
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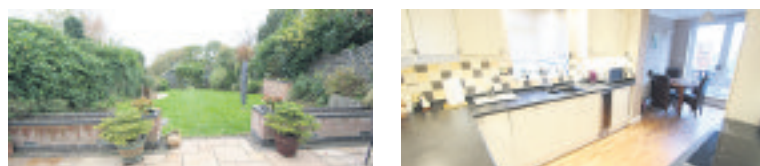
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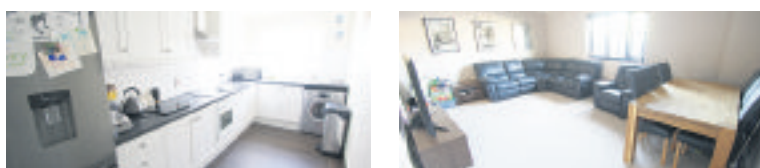
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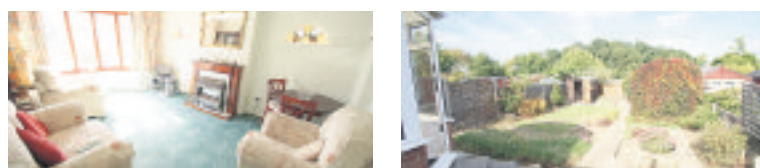
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Hyundai and Kia set to go solar

By Chris Russon

KOREAN car makers Hyundai and Kia are to use power from the sun to boost the performance of their models.

After next year, solar panels will be fitted to the roofs of certain vehicles from the two brands to provide extra energy.

The sister companies are working on three sets of technology to use the panels on conventionally engine vehicles as well as on hybrids and pure electric cars.

The first-generation system, which will be applied to hybrid models, is created out of a structure of silicon solar panels that are integrated into a standard car roof.

This system is capable of charging 30 to 60 per cent of the battery over the course of a normal day, depending on weather conditions and other environmental factors.

The second-generation semi-transparent solar roof will be applied to regular combustion vehicles, representing a world-first application for the technology.

The semi-transparent technologies can be integrated with a panoramic



GREENER FUTURE: Solar panels are to be fitted to car roofs to provide extra energy

sunroof, letting light through into the cabin, whilst charging the vehicle's battery at the same time.

Applying solar charging systems to

ICE vehicles will help them comply with ever more stringent global environmental laws regulating CO2 emissions.

The third-generation system, is currently undergoing testing and is designed to be applied to the bonnet and roof of eco-friendly battery

electric vehicle models in order to maximise energy output.

"In the future, we expect to see many different types of electricity-generating technologies integrated into our vehicles," said Jeong-Gil Park, executive vice-president of the engineering and design division of Hyundai Motor Group.

"The solar roof is the first of these technologies, and will mean that automobiles no longer passively consume energy, but will begin to produce it actively. It is an exciting development for us, designing a technology for vehicle owners to help them shift from being energy users to being energy producers."

The solar charging system is composed of a solar panel, a controller and a battery.

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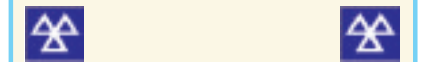
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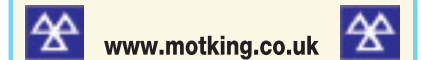
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BACK OF THE NET: Burnley goalkeeper Joe Hart reacts after West Ham United's Felipe Anderson (not pictured) scores his side's third goal at The London Stadium. Photo: Steven Paston/PA Wire

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Football

by Brian Jeeves at the London Stadium

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West Ham United 4-2 Burnley
WEST Ham United returned to winning ways after seeing off a dogged Burnley side in an entertaining Premier League encounter.

The Hammers hadn't won in four previous matches, although recent performances suggested they had deserved a little more for their toil.

Nevertheless, despite the visitors heading into the match off the back of two heavy defeats, Hammers boss, Manuel Pellegrini, insisted Burnley would offer his side a stiff test, explaining: "I have enough things to work out with my team to beat Burnley to worry about what Burnley have to do to beat us."

Pellegrini's preparations were boosted by the return of Marko Arnautovic after missing the Hammers' previous two outings due to illness.

Ashley Westwood and Ben Mee provided a robust introduction for the home side as Arnautovic and Pedro Obiang were on the receiving end of ungamed challenges.

But when James Tarkowski attempted to find Joe Hart with a horrendous back pass, Arnautovic took full advantage, slotting low beyond the former England keeper.

West Ham looked in the mood. Hart denied Arnautovic a second following an interchange of passes with Felipe Anderson, while Grady Diangana almost seized on another nervous moment from Tarkowski.

Mee somehow acrobatically nodded Anderson's goalbound strike off the line, while Diangana again provided a constant threat as the traffic continued to follow one way.

But with a second goal not forthcoming, Burnley snatched their chance. Johann Berg Gudmundsson prodded past Lukasz Fabianski after Steven Defour had picked him out.

Hart expertly saved from Robert Snodgrass and Arnautovic, while Mee snubbed out substitute Javier

Hernandez as West Ham continued on the front foot after the interval.

But Burnley couldn't hang on forever. Diangana released Anderson and the Brazilian playmaker slotted through the advancing Hart's legs.

But once again, the Hammers' defensive weakness returned to haunt them. Substitute Chris Wood rose unchallenged to head home Robbie Brady's flag-kick, leaving the east Londoners bemused.

However, the Hammers were determined to end their recent difficult run. Anderson's effort deflected off Mee, wrong-footing Hart as they took the lead for the third time.

Wood clipped the bar, while Hart saved from Anderson as the sides continued to slug it out. But in stoppage time West Ham put the outcome beyond doubt. Hernandez supplied an emphatic finish after Michael Antonio played him in.

After the game, Pellegrini was unsure as to whether his side had produced their best Premier League performance since moving to the London Stadium.

"I think against Manchester United it was also good. Tottenham, Chelsea, we finished the game with a feeling that we played better.

"Today we played 45 minutes at a high level, should have scored two at least, then they level in the last minute. I spoke with the players that we cannot just think about the goal we conceded, we have to continue to play well in the second half.

"I feel that the players trust in what we are doing."

Pellegrini spoke positively about his side's resilience, adding: "When you score four goals and have at least four more clear chances, I think that we are playing in the correct way."

Burnley chief, Sean Dyche, added: "It was certainly a ding-dong of a game, that's for sure. Good for the neutral, not so good when you're on the wrong side of it."

West Ham return to Premier League action on Saturday, November 10 when they face Huddersfield Town at the John Smith's Stadium (3pm).

West Ham United: Lukasz Fabianski, Pablo Zabaleta (capt), Fabian Balbuena, Issa Diop, Aaron Cresswell, Declan Rice, Pedro Obiang (Javier Hernandez 61'), Robert Snodgrass, Grady Diangana (Michael Antonio 86'), Felipe Anderson, Marko Arnautovic (Angelo Ogbonna 90') Subs not used: Adrian, Ryan Fredericks, Arthur Masuaku, Lucas Perez

Burnley: Joe Hart, Matthew Lowton, Charlie Taylor, James Tarkowski, Ben Mee (capt), Johann Berg Gudmundsson, Sam Vokes (Chris Wood 72'), Steven Defour, Ashley Westwood, Aaron Lennon (Robbie Brady 75'), Matej Vydra (Ashley Barnes 72') Subs not used: Tom Heaton, Jeff Hendrick, Kevon Long, Dwight McNeil

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Southend United: Oxley, Turner, Dieng, Cox (Robinson 82'), Yearwood, Mantom (capt) (McCoulsky 90'), Moore, Demetriou, Bunn (Kightly 69'), Hendrie, White. Subs not used: Smith, Bwomono, McLaughlin, Kyprianou

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Late winner gives Southend the blues

Barnsley 1 Southend Utd 0
CHRIS Powell reflected on another disappointing Sky Bet League One defeat for his injury-hit Southend United side, saying it was the "story of our season," after Kieffer Moore's headed goal in the final minutes earned Barnsley all three points in a competitive encounter at Oakwell.

"I thought we put in a real dogged, proper away performance," the Blues chief told www.

southendunited.co.uk.
"It's a real dagger to the heart this one."

Harry Bunn and Simon Cox passed up decent opportunities and Powell admitted that the misses are beginning to hurt his side.

"I keep saying it to the players, I sound like a broken record, some of our approach play is top drawer but we've got to take them [chances] or else you get hurt like we have today."

Non-league football

Bowers go top as Bees are stung

BOWERS & Pitsea moved to the top of the Bostik North Division after an emphatic 4-0 New Town derby victory over Basildon United at the Ho Ho Stadium.

Quentin Monville and David Knight each scored twice for Bowers, the latter bagging one of his goals from the penalty spot as the visitors skipped above their local rivals in front of a bumper crowd of 408.

Second-half goals from Jordan Cox and Ryan Melaugh earned Canvey Island a 2-0 success over Romford at Park Lane, while George Sykes scored the only goal as Maldon & Tiptree edged out Soham Town rangers by a single goal.

Grays Athletic pipped Tilbury 3-2 in a rip-roaring derby at Parkside.

Aveley won 2-1 at Bury Town – Andrew Freeman and Thomas Richardson with the important goals for the promotion-chasing Millers.

Brandy Makhendi was on target for Great Wakering Rovers in their 1-1 draw with AFC Sudbury at Burroughs Park.

But it was a frustrating afternoon for Barking, who lost 4-2 against Felixstowe & Walton United at Mayesbrook Park – Daniel Cheema and Joe Bruce (pen) with the hosts' goals.

In the Bostik League Premier Division AFC Hornchurch were beaten by a Johnville Renee goal at Bishop's Stortford.

Leyton Orient climbed back into second place in the National League following a superb 3-1 victory at AFC Fylde. Josh Koroma scored twice for the O's while leading marksman, Macauley Bonne, was also on target.

Dagenham & Redbridge and Braintree Town remain in a relegation battle after both suffered damaging defeats.

The Daggers went down to a second-half goal from Nicky Bailey at Sutton United, while Adam McDonnell's late strike was enough for Aldershot Town to sink the Irons.

Adam Cunnington's second-half brace saw Billericay Town recover a two-goal deficit at Torquay United to earn a share of the spoils.

The Blues also had Adam Coombes sent off during an eventful encounter at Plainmoor – but they remain top of the National League South.

Scott Fenwick bagged a brace and Anthony Church added another as Chelmsford City edged out Eastbourne Borough 3-2 at the Melbourne Stadium, while Freddy Moncur and Sam Higgins found the net as East Thurrock United played out a 2-2 home draw with Truro City. Elsewhere, Concord Rangers slipped 1-0 at Slough Town.

It proved to be a fruitful weekend for several of the region's clubs competing in the second round of the Buildbase FA Vase.

Hullbridge Sports progressed following a 3-1 win over Irchester United at Lower Road. Redbridge also went through after a single goal victory against Peterborough Northern Star.

Sporting Bengal were among the goals, winning their Essex Senior League clash with Ilford at the Cricklefield Stadium 4-1.

Stanway Rovers won by the odd goal in three at Leyton Athletic, while Takeley were 3-2 winners at Tower Hamlets. Meanwhile, Saffron Walden Town and Barkingside shared the spoils after an entertaining 2-2 draw.

Selected action from the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League: In Division One, Harold Wood Athletic were 2-0 winners at Leigh Ramblers, while Shenfield AFC emerged victorious by the odd goal in three at Ongar Town.

Rochford Town were the big winners of the day in Division two, hammering May & Baker Eastbrook Community A 12-0. Lakeside were also among the goals, thrashing Upminster 7-0.

In Division three, Laindon Orient found themselves 2-0 down at Basildon Town Reserves, but made an incredible recovery to win 9-2. Leigh Town were 6-2 winners over White Ensign's second string, while Roydon also came back from two down to win 3-2 at Wakering Sports.

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- 06.00 – 06:05** ***Battle's O'er** – Pipers will perform the Scottish Lament 'Battle's O'er' at Southend Cenotaph, Clifftown Parade
- 10.30 – 12.00** **Southend Remembrance Service and Parade** – The Parade starts at Prittlewell Square and proceeds to Southend Cenotaph for a Service of Remembrance at 11am.
- 14.00** **Eastwood Remembrance Service** – Eastwood Memorial Hall. Further information at www.eastwoodmemorialhall.btck.co.uk
- 15.00** **Leigh-on-Sea Remembrance Service and Parade** – St Clements Church. Further information at www.stclementschurch.org.uk
- 16:00 – 18:15** **Concert of Remembrance**
Tickets are £16 with a collection for Help for Heroes. The Cliffs Pavilion, featuring Southend Choral Society, Eastwood Chorale, Southend Bach Choir and Southend Symphony Orchestra. Also featuring Southend Boys' and Girls' Choirs, soloist Elizabeth Dunlop and Guest Conductor Grace Rossiter (BBC Symphony Chorus). Following the concert, attendees will be invited to walk to Southend Cenotaph.

- 18.55** ***The Last Post** – A bugler will perform 'The Last Post' at the Southend Cenotaph. Buglers will also perform at: St Barnabas Church, Hadleigh; St George's Church, Shoeburyness; St Clements Church, Leigh on Sea.
- 19.00** ***Beacon of Light** – A Beacon will be lit at the Southend Cenotaph symbolising an end to the darkness of war and a return to the light of peace.
- 19.05** ***Ringing out for Peace** – The following churches will ring out their bells in celebration of peace: Holy Trinity Church, Southchurch; St George's RC Church, Shoebury; St Barnabas Church, Hadleigh; St James the Less Church, Hadleigh; St Saviour's Church, Westcliff; St Andrew's Church, Shoebury; St Clements Church, Leigh-on-Sea; St John's Church, Pier Hill, Southend.
- 19.05** ***Cry for Peace** – A Town Crier will call for Peace at Southend Cenotaph simultaneously with town criers across the United Kingdom and other countries around the world.

*These events form part of the international 'Battle's Over' commemorations. Further information at www.brunopeek.co.uk

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This year's remembrance event will mark 100 years since the end of the First World War.

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